

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth below. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-23 and 26-29 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-20, 26 and 28 have been rejected, Claims 21-23, 27 and 29 have been allowed. By way of the above amendment, Claim 27 have been amended and Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-20, 26 and 28 have been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 21-23, 27 and 29 are now pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Within the Office Action, Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-20, 26 and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,921,252 to Chubb (hereafter "Chubb") in view of Marcotte. By the above amendments, Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-20, 26 and 28 have been canceled.

Within the Office Action, it is indicated that Claims 21-23, 27 and 29 are allowable. By the above amendments, Claim 27 has been amended to correct typographical errors.

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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